

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicants to the Examiner's comments and rejection of the claims as set forth in the outstanding Office Action, and further reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended is earnestly solicited.

Applicants note the rejection of claims 1, 4, 5 and 7-11 as being rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Colgan, et al.; as extensively discussed in the Office Action.

Furthermore, applicants note the rejection of claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(b) as being unpatentable over Colgan, et al. as detailed in the Office Action; and the rejection of claim 6 as being unpatentable over Colgan, et al. further in view of Haven, both of the publications to Colgan, et al. and Haven having been cited in applicants' previous Information Disclosure Statement.

Concerning the foregoing, upon careful consideration of the art, applicants have further amended the claims by incorporating the subject matter of claims 5 and 6 into claim 1; incorporating the subject matter of claims 8 and 9 into claim 7; and incorporating the subject matter of claims 13 and 14 into claim 10.

The foregoing more limited claims clearly and obviously define both structure and method distinguishing over the prior arts, irrespective as to whether the latter is considered singly or in combination.

In particular, concerning Colgan, et al., the latter of which is commonly assigned to the present assignee, the amended claims distinguish there over in that the positions of the notches of the plural rows in the wall-like structure is determined on a position of wiring

formed in either the first or second substrate, and in which the wall-like structure is formed to a height lower than that of gap formed between the first and second substrates.

In addition, with regard to claim 7, this now incorporates particular aspects relative to the seal member flowing out in a fluidized state upon the second substrate being pressed into the first substrate under predetermined conditions, thus, to prevent air traps from occurring as the liquid crystal to be sealed flows into the display area.

Moreover, with regard to the method claims, these now incorporate into claim 10 the limitations of claims 13 and 14, particularly defining the wall-like structure being formed by applying photosensitive resin and performing a UV exposure using a photomask and curing resin and then applying an alignment film.

The foregoing configurations and method producing the liquid crystal display cannot be ascertained from Colgan, et al. nor from the secondary reference, inasmuch as those particular limitations are not evident from the prior art.

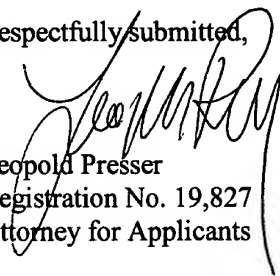
In particular, although Colgan, et al. does provide aspects with some with similar structure, it is the applicants' position that the configurations presented in the claims and the method of producing the wall-like structure and the notches therebetween are directed to an improvement over applicants' earlier publication.

Even combining Colgan, et al. with the secondary reference, as referred to concerning claim 6, Haven EPO 1130694 would not be applicable to the invention, especially inasmuch as Haven does not disclose a structure analogous to the formation of the notches and the spaced wall configurations in a manner similar to that disclosed and claimed herein.

Accordingly, in summation, applicants respectfully submit that the newly presented and amended claims, which more precisely define the inventive structure over the art,

particularly as represented by Colgan, et al., which is applicants' own earlier publication, are deemed to be directed to clearly allowable and patentable subject matter, in view of which the early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicants' attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,



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